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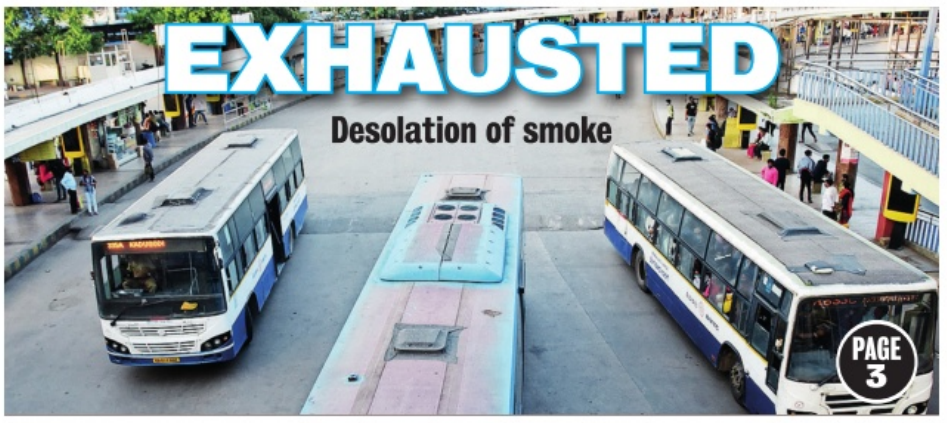

Why Bengalureans, often lost in a 'maze' of first and last mile connectivity, increasingly prefer private modes of commute over public transport

MAZE RUNNER

BMTC metro feeder buses, introduced in 2017, 'infrequent'

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The lack of affordable as well as convenient first and last mile connectivity for public transport, especially for metro services, is one of the reasons people are still preferring private transportation in Bengaluru.

First and last mile connectivity is the distance, and the mode of travel, for a commuter, from a transit point to their destination, or vice versa.

In a survey conducted by Bangalore Political Action Committee (B.PAC) in 2019, 24% of the people surveyed stated a lack of first and last mile connectivity as their reason for not using public transport.

Shreya K, a resident of Navodaya Nagar, said though public transport is cheaper, it isn't conveniently accessible. "The nearest metro station from my place is a little more than 2 km away. Sometimes the cabs and auto-rickshaws charge more than Rs 80 or Rs 90 for that distance. Then there is the metro fare; so I prefer to take private transport or cabs directly to my destination. It ends up costing the same."

To make the first and last mile connectivity in Bengaluru more affordable, Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) started metro feeder bus services in 2017, that connect major metro stations to different areas of the city. However, five years later, many metro commuters still do not know about these buses.

"I have been living in Bengaluru for a year now. Metro is my primary mode of commute. Even to go to places like Koramangala or HSR Layout, that are not yet connected by

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Metro passengers waiting for BMTC bus at Baiyappanahalli metro station

> "I had no idea there were buses connecting places to metro stations. Neither have I seen a bus stopping near a metro station — Tanya Rathi, student

Damp Wall Down

Water stagnation in vacant space between house and military compound claims wall

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It was a providential escape for Sekhar's family on Tuesday night. In the torrential downpour, one of the damp walls of Sekhar's house, situated on Yellamma Street of Siddhartha Colony in Domlur, collapsed. The two-room dwelling accommodates five members of Sekhar's family.

Now, Sekhar is thanking the almighty for saving his son, daughter-in-law and grandson from the wall collapse.

"Myself, my wife and son sleep in the second room of our house while my father and mother sleep in the first room. Though it was midnight, all of us were awake and waiting in the first room. We were shocked when one of the walls of the second room came crashing down," said Pratap S, son of Sekhar.

Not many household articles were damaged due to the wall collapse. "My son, daughter-in-law and grandson would have been injured had they been sleeping in the

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Aadhe Adhure

Check out a thought-provoking play 'Aadhe Adhure' by Kathputliyan Theatre Group (KTG) and written by late Mr Mohan Rakesh, almost five decades ago. The play has been adapted from the original script into the current context by Zafer Mohiuddin because the nature of relationships remains the same no matter the changing times. It deals with dysfunctional families in urban India, very relevant in current times.
Where: Kaladwarka, Koramangala Club
When: August 7, 4.30 pm and 7.30 pm
Tickets: 8792413747/ 9474276380 (WhatsApp)

02 For the love of 9 yards

If sarees are your weak point, attend this exhibition on hand-woven sarees organised by Kankatala Sarees. The exhibition will have on display signature Kanchipuram marvels along with Banarasi, Paithani, Patan Patola, Gadwal, Kota and many more hand-woven weaves handpicked from across 40 weaving clusters of India. The brand will also host an exclusive range for Lakshmi Puja. **Where: Raintree, opposite ITC Windsor, Sankey Road; When: Aug 5 – 7, 10 am – 7 pm; Contact: 2235-4396**

03 Artisans, unite

Channel the inner artist in you by signing up for these pottery-making workshops. You will be taught how to prepare the clay and use different techniques like hand-building, pinch, coil, and slab. Finally, you will be taught to fire the pots. The sessions will be held by Maya, and you can sign up for more than one session.
Where: Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar
When: Till Aug 7, multiple slots;
Tickets: 9886294444

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FLOWER POWER

Workers add finishing touches to the exhibition that is a countdown away: (inset) flowers from different countries to be on display

This year's Independence Day flower show at Lalbagh promises to be a lot more than what you will expect

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This year, the Independence Day flower show by the Department of Horticulture and Mysore Horticulture Society at Lalbagh is all set to be a larger-than-life event after a two-year covid hiatus complete with a cycle rally and tributes to Dr Rajkumar and Dr Puneeth Rajkumar, and Bengalureans cannot keep calm.

The 212th flower show, from August 5 to 15, will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai at Lalbagh's Glass House on August 5 while Dr Shivarajkumar, Raghavendra Rajkumar and Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar along with others will attend the inaugural function.

"It will be the 212th flower show by the Department of Horticulture and Mysore Horticulture Society and will be a bigger affair as we could not organise four flower shows in the last two years," said Horticulture Minister Munirathna.

The minister added that a cycle rally with a torch (Immoral Legends Flame) would be held at 8 am on August 5 as tributes to Dr Rajkumar and Dr Puneeth Rajkumar.

"The rally will start from Kanteerava Studio and end at Lalbagh," the minister said.

The Glass House will have busts of Dr Rajkumar and Dr Puneeth Rajkumar with jyothi (immortal legends flame) decorated with flowers while a floral replica of Dr Rajkumar's home in Gajanur is also there for visitors to see.

"We expect 12 to 15 lakh people to visit the flower show between August 5 and 15. We have fixed the entry fee at Rs 70 during the weekdays and Rs 75 during the weekends. The entry fee for children below 12 years is Rs 30. Entry is free for school children from 1st standard to SSLC," he said.

Allaying fears of imminent traffic jams at the entrance of Lalbagh due to the Flower Show, the minister said the horticulture department officials have decided to open all the four gates to facilitate public entering Lalbagh without any hassles.

A cycle rally with a torch will be held at 8 am on August 5 as tributes to Dr Rajkumar and Dr Puneeth Rajkumar

"We will also ensure that visitors have no problems with stray dogs," he said.

"We have also taken all precautions to avoid problems for anyone, including walkers, during the flower show. We made arrangements for four ICU ambulance vehicles to be standby during the flower show. Around 200 to 250 policemen will be on duty," he added.

"Around 2,500 flower pots from Ooty and flowers from countries such as Holland, New Zealand, USA, South Africa, Kenya, Australia, Denmark and Argentina will be on show at the Glass House. We are spending Rs 2.50 crore to organise the flower show," he said.

Entry tickets will be sold at all entry points from 7 am to 6.30 pm.

Dance and merriment at VTU fest

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After two years, the 21st VTU Youth festival was officially inaugurated on July 29. The fest, hosted by BMS College of Engineering, Bengaluru, was welcomed with much fanfare and enthusiasm.

The fest did not happen for the past two years due to covid restrictions. The inauguration was preceded by a procession of all the participating contingents from various colleges across Karnataka. It was led by international Dollu Kunitha artist Dollu Chandru and his troupe of artists. The procession was followed by a performance of folk dances of the state showcasing Karnataka's cultural heritage. Famous Kannada actor Ramesh Aravind was the chief guest of the day and popular Kannada playback singer Majula Gururaj was the guest of honour. Dr Dayananda Pai, Chairman, BMSCE presided over the event and the other dignitaries were Dr HR Sudarshan Reddy, Regional Director of VTU Dr AG Bujurke, Directorate of Physical Education - VTU, Ravi Venkatesam, Trustee of BMS Educational Trust (BMSET), Sri. Aviram Sharma, Trustee of BMSET.

Ramesh Aravind, the chief guest, shared his life experiences and stories of his engineering days with the audience and motivated the students to actively participate in cultural activities.

Performers pose with the judges and guests after their performance

Emission control plan is going up in smoke

BMTC says regular pollution checks are conducted on its fleet and buses that have high emissions are not allowed to ply. Does that fly?

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As black smoke spitting buses plying the roads beg the question if regular pollution checks are being carried out, the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) say 'surprise pollution checks' are conducted for its fleet to minimise emission rates.

"We have been trying to minimise the emission rate as much as possible. BMTC conducts pollution checks on its fleet every month without fail and the buses that seem to have high emissions (more than the permissible limit) are subjected to thorough repair and are deployed on their routes only after ensuring that emission is within limits," MN Srinivas, Chief Mechanical Engineer, BMTC, said.

He said that a special smoke emission testing team has also been deployed to perform random surprise testing of the buses at selected TTMCs and major bus stations around the city. "If any of the buses on the road are seen emitting heavy smoke, they are sent back to the depots for repair so as to ensure that the smoke levels are under the prescribed limit," the official added.

But, passengers have a different story to tell. Some persons BM spoke to told us about BMTC buses emitting black fumes and wondered if they do undergo regular pollution checks. Ashwin A, one such passenger, told Bangalore Mirror that he does not usually take the bus, but had a close shave last week. "I was waiting at a signal, waiting for it to turn green, when a BMTC bus in front of me was emitting heavy black smoke. It was right into my face. These heavy vehicles are one of the major reasons for pollution. We are not sure these buses undergo regular pollution checks," he said.

In 2021, BMTC has planned to scrap 2,715 polluting buses by March 2025. But as Bangalore Mirror reported earlier, as of July 2022, 2,350 such buses were still on the road.

BMTC passengers insisted that some buses are very old and should be replaced. "It is not just the emission, some of the buses are in a poor condition from the inside. These are 10-11-year-old buses that need to be replaced now. Not all, but some of the BMTC buses emit a lot of smoke as well. I take the bus regularly and feel that it is one of the cheapest and a better mode of transport. But only if they maintain these buses regularly, it would be much better," said Aakash Tiwari, a bus passenger.

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Emission impossible for BMTC

Transport corporation operates 2,350 BS-III buses manufactured and procured between 2006 and 2013

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Shift to electric

The Chief Mechanical Engineer of BMTC told Bangalore Mirror that in order to replace the old buses with the new electric buses, the existing buses need to complete the mileage. "We cannot scrap buses prematurely. Currently, there are 989 buses to be scrapped. We have initiated a deal with Tata Motors for 921 low-floor, non-AC buses. However, we are still waiting for the government's approval for this. In a phased manner, we are planning to scrap the old buses and replace the fleet with better, greener buses."

The official also informed that BMTC is planning to make Yelahanka depot the first exclusive electric bus depot in Bengaluru by October. Another 300 electric buses by Ashok Leyland are expected to be added to the fleet by October 2022.

ED attaches properties of telecom firm

The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has provisionally attached immovable properties in the form of residential apartment, plots and agricultural land and movable properties in the form of bank balances and fixed deposits worth Rs 40.14 crore belonging to directors and promoters of Bengaluru-based company Kaveri Telecom Infrastructure Limited under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. The ED initiated the money laundering investigation on the basis of an FIR dated July 27, 2017 registered by the Anti-Corruption Bureau of the CBI, Bengaluru under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Section 13(2) read with Section 13(1)(d) of Prevention of Corruption Act 1988.

The said FIR was registered on the basis of a complaint filed by the then DGM, Dena Bank alleging cheating had been done with the bank by the company and its directors in respect of loans availed by them. During investigation, it was noticed that the company and its directors have taken loan from the erstwhile Dena Bank to the tune of Rs 45 crore in the name of purchase of equipment, however, the same was diverted through its sister concerns and conduit entities controlled by them, . **— BMB**

'Re-exam for SI posts soon'

Karnataka Home Minister Araga Jnanendra on Wednesday said the State government would soon decide on conducting the police sub-inspector examination, which was annulled a couple of months ago following alleged irregularities.

The Home Minister gave the assurance to the candidates who are appearing for the examination that the exam dates would be announced soon, a statement issued by his office said.

Jnanendra apprised them that the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) is probing into the case of irregularities. Once the investigation is over, the next dates for the exam would be published. **PTI**

Traffic police put brakes on brand new road speed thrills

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Last week, the driver of a speeding car heading from the Kengeri Satellite Town's 80 feet road towards Kommaghatta, lost control over the wheels and the car rammed into a parked two-wheeler near a commercial complex. The two-wheeler was damaged but as the airbags deployed on time, the car driver was saved.

The road is smooth as butter, thanks to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the city recently. It was all done in just four days in June -- the craters (potholes) were filled, roads were tarred, the sidewalks - footpaths cleared off weeds, storm water drains on the sides covered, pavements were painted and more.

However, ever since this road was made spick and span, motorists including four-wheelers try to step up the pedal to check on their vehicles speeds, the Kengeri traffic police say.

After the latest accident, senior police officers from Kengeri police station visited the spot and identified what was wrong with the stretch and decided to do something proactively about it.

The traffic cops contacted the BBMP Road Works division and brought in grade separators - large ones, that wouldn't allow even pedestrians to cross the road because of the height, and installed them across the centre-whitelines starting from Robin Theatre junction until the Kommaghatta Road Circle. "Centre medians have been installed on Kommaghatta Main Road along the border of the police station limits from Robin Theatre junction to Kommaghatta junction in the interest of smooth movement of vehicles and to prevent road accidents," said a senior police officer from Kengeri traffic police station.

Pitter-batter raindrops

The downpour in Basavanagudi and Chamarajpet has been bad enough to uproot massive trees along the sides of the roads. An auto rickshaw in Basavanagudi was completely damaged when a huge tree crashed on top of it. Onlookers gathered to survey the damage. The vehicle was completely smashed, as visible in the picture. The city has been battered by incessant rainfall since Saturday which is showing no signs of slowing down yet.

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Wade just 1 more year for solution

BBMP says work to stop flooding will be done only by next monsoon

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For citizens, rain means house arrest as the roads are filled with knee-deep water following heavy downpour. But if you were hoping for respite, we have got some shocking news for you. The BBMP has declared that permanent works to stop flooding in localities will be completed only by next monsoon.

Many parts of Bengaluru, especially Sri Sai and Pai layouts, have witnessed one of the worst floods this year.

In the last few days, 514 houses have been flooded in the city officially (according to a BBMP survey).

Of the 514 houses, the maximum houses were in Sri Sai Layout (270), followed by 14 houses at Pai Layout, and 12 in Nagappa Reddy Layout. In HRBR layout, approximately 215 houses are flooded, although BBMP is yet to finalise the survey of affected houses.

Residents are facing sleepless nights due to constant rainfall. BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said, "To fix problems in Sai layout, we need to widen the vent under the Geddalahalli railway line. The work order has been issued. However, it will definitely take some time before the widening is completed. Besides this, the BDA also needs to construct a drain and a smaller vent under the railway line. I think the BDA is yet to take permission from railways for the widening of the vent. So, even if the work begins now, it will take some time to complete, and the permanent solution can be here only by next monsoon. Until then, we can look at only temporary measures. In Pai Layout, an encroachment needs to be removed for smooth flow of water. A vent also needs to be constructed under the railway line for smooth water flow. We have applied for permission for constructing the vent."

Residents of Sai Layout wade through the flooded streets

He added that BBMP has been flushing out water using pumps, and so far, three pumps have been used in Sai Layout.

Many residents of the flood-hit layout staying on ground floors have vacated their houses and moved to the first floor. They told BM that the situation was grim on Wednesday as they were unable to come out of their homes. Students had a tough time going to schools as well. An earth excavation machine was pressed into service.

Manjunath, a resident of the layout, said, "It started raining heavily on Tuesday night and by midnight, our homes started flooding. Many residents are saying that snakes are also entering homes with the water."

Deluge in Rainbow Drive Layout

Many residents of Rainbow Drive Layout alleged that the infrastructure was so poor that even a short spell of rainfall was leading to deluge.

Raja Vonna, Executive Director of an MNC said, "Flooding at the layout entrance has become a common scene during every major rain. Starting with major flooding during pre-monsoon rain on May 5, the rains have become a nightmare for over 1,000 residents. We are literally cut off from the outside world and getting medical help for elderly is an issue."

Reacting to this, Nath said, "In case of Rainbow Drive Layout, there is a need to re-design the storm water drain, and open another drain - which will be done at the earliest."

There seems to be some hope for Bengalureans as the Met department has predicted widespread light to moderate rains associated with thunderstorm and lightning activity likely over the BBMP area. The maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be around 29 and 20 degrees Celsius, respectively.

Bengaluru-Mysuru Road users affected

Commuters between Bengaluru and Mysuru were hit due to a road blockade near Maddur. On a daily basis, thousands of people take the road route to reach their destination. However, heavy rainfall in Maddur town of Mandya district has blocked the road. Hence, traffic was deviated and vehicle-users had to take the deviation via Malavalli-Bannur or Nagamangala-Srirangapanta routes to travel between the two cities. The Met department has predicted moderate rains with isolated heavy rains likely over Hassan, Chikkamagaluru, Shivamogga, Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, and Uttara Kannada districts for the next two days.

Social media flooded

When in trouble, what does social media do? Make enough noise or make light of it. Some startling examples of the day: A Twitter user asked the CM on social media when he can get a boat or a jet ski to cross the Kaggadasapura Main Road to his home. He wonders how a road located near DRDO can be in such bad shape. Suhail Pollard, a Twitter user, posted a video of the Bellandur Lake Road near Yemalur where motorists were seen wading through knee-deep water. As transport came to a standstill a Twitter user posted a photo of a BMTC bus underlining that it was a better mode of transport due to non-availability of cabs and autos. Another Twitter user spoke of how he had to wait for more than 35 minutes in the rain to get a cab. 'We saw the roads badly jammed up': A Twitter user posted a picture of a four-km-long traffic jam and another posted a video of an ambulance stuck in a jam at Veerannapalya flyover.

Memes & bad infra

Can the memes be far behind? A techie posted a pic of himself in his swim suit and a tube around him, working on a laptop in knee deep water. One Twitter user posted a video showing how difficult it was to drive during Tuesday's rainfall on HAL Road. Another wondered whether a helmet was enough to save a motorist driving on bad roads in heavy rain. Another took a dig at the infrastructure saying that the water in all the potholes in Bengaluru can supply water to the city for one month. Many also took to social media to say it is difficult to reach the BESCOM helpline during power cuts.

Family unhurt in wall collapse

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second room at the time of the wall collapse. God has been very kind to us. The main problem is there is no way to drain water that comes from the military premises," Sekhar told BM.

He said he attempted many times to concrete the vacant space between his house and the military compound wall to avoid stagnation of water which causes water seepage in the walls. "I am waiting for the BBMP to visit my home to assess the damage and help me to rebuild the collapsed wall. We have no other place to sleep. All of us could not sleep in the first room," said Sekhar.

Meanwhile, Rathnamma, a senior citizen, is worried about staying at her two-room house. "It is very difficult for me to sleep whenever it rains heavily. Water is leaking from the walls as well as the roof. I spent a lot of time draining water from my house and mopping the floor. I appeal to the BBMP authorities to concretise the vacant space between our houses and the military compound wall to avoid stagnation of water that makes walls damp," complained Rathnamma.

In September 2013, a similar incident took place in the same locality. Two school-going children were killed when their mud house collapsed due to heavy rain. Their mother escaped with injuries while father was on night duty at a private company.

Meanwhile, former corporator of Domlur CR Lakshminarayan demanded the BBMP authorities to discuss with military authorities and fix the problem for good. "I want the military authorities to allow the residents to concretise the vacant space between their dwellings and the military compound to avoid house collapse incidents in future," said Lakshminarayan.

Rain puts a spell on Vijayanagar that it can't shake off

Every rainy day, sewage enters clinics, and vehicles submerged in parking area require urgent repair

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Residents and commuters in Vijayanagar have been facing immense trouble ever since heavy rains started lashing the city. Clinics in the area under Attiguppe Metro Station are in a mess as sewage water from the drains in front have been entering them.

The in-charges of these clinics say that the entire area gets flooded by water from the drains every time it rains.

Dr Subodh Mahato, owner of Physio X10, said, "The drain is right in front of the clinic. Every time it rains, our clinic gets flooded with sewage and even after cleaning, the entire place remains muddy. All our equipment has been damaged. It was a heavy loss for us."

Shilpa S, in charge of Shreya Hearing clinic, said, they have been spending thousands of rupees to get their clinic cleaned. "There have been so many times when we had to shut down our clinic because so much water had entered. Due to frequent flooding, we are not able to use the clinic properly and cannot treat patients as easily. The place smells so bad after a spell of rain because of the dirty water."

Submerged vehicles outside Shreya Hearing Clinic

The area also serves as a parking spot for all the people who use the Metro.

Asha k, a student, said, "I usually park my scooter in this area as I use the Metro. Last Saturday, I was coming back in the evening and there was heavy rain. The road was filled with water and all the vehicles had gone under it." Asha had to wait for almost two hours for the water to subside and only then was she able to locate her scooter.

Commuters also complain that their vehicles had gotten damaged because of excess water entering them. Rohan Balan, a commuter, said, "I had parked my vehicle here and gone to work on Saturday. In the evening, it started raining and my vehicle had gone under water. I was not ale to start the bike and had to leave it there." He said he had to get it to the mechanic the next day, and was told that the engine was damaged." A BBMP official told BM that they would make arrangements to sort the issue.

Rain, not Covid, puts apartment in isolation

Residents of Sri Emerald Park Apartment in Marathahalli are facing a lot of problems because of the deluge caused by heavy rains.

They say that following an inspection, the BBMP started work on the 100 Feet Road around 29 days back to widen drains. However, just a few days ago, BBMP workers dug up the only road that is in front of the apartment, connecting them to the Outer Ring Road.

Despite the situation improving a little, rains have turned the road completely muddy.

Rajesh K, a resident of the apartment, said, "We were not able to come out onto the road at all. It literally felt like we were stuck on an island, disconnected from the outside world. The authorities had provided an alternative road for us, but that is a park which is extremely muddy, and the condition becomes worse when it rains. I have fallen into the mud so many times, and so have others."

The muddy road currently in use by the residents

School buses have reportedly stopped coming inside the area as well, causing problems for the school children. Even delivery services are not working properly in the area.

Rohith Mathur, another resident, said, "Recently, a bus got stuck in the mud. The roads become so muddy it is difficult to walk."

Nishita M, also a resident of the apartment, said, "Delivery boys from different food outlets and even grocery stores were not able to use the road and come to the apartment. All our orders were getting cancelled. Even the car services were not able to come inside the premises and all our bookings were cancelled."

Jithin R, another resident, complained of authorities digging up the road without taking prior permission.

"There are so many people residing here and they did not even inform anyone before going ahead with the work," he added.

When asked about the situation, BBMP officials said that they would fix the problem as soon as possible.

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Meet the newest member of Bannerghatta park

Bengaluru zoo to get a new member– a Hamadryas Baboon. However, as many Baboons tested positive for HIV, they will be quarantined before being relocated to Bannerghatta Biological Park.

Hamadryas Baboons are a species of baboons from the Old World monkey family. They are native to Africa and found in sub-deserts, steppes, alpine grass meadows, plains and short-grass savannahs.

The executive director of Bannerghatta Biological Park said, "However, there is a challenge. Baboons from Singapore zoo have been tested for HIV-AIDS and other diseases which could transmit to indigenous species. Upon clearance, they have been shifted to Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, Mysuru. They will be quarantined for one to three months and then will be shifted to BBP after the quarantine period."

After a long wait, Hamadryas Baboon will be housed in Bannerghatta Biological Park and visitors can get to see these exotic primates up close shortly. Hamadryas Baboon faces threats such as loss of natural habitat, hunting for skin, human-animal conflict etc., in their natural habitat.

—BMB

Abandoned calf finds home

An abandoned calf has found a new home in Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP). Officials said that they received a wild, abandoned male calf from the Halagur division of Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary on August 1. The calf was found alone on the way to Mutatthi on July 30 and was rescued by the forest department. For the next two days, the forest department tried to introduce the calf to various elephant herds but they rejected the calf .

"The calf is estimated to be around three to four months old and is currently being hand-fed by the mahouts. Calves without mother's milk for a minimum of six months to one year have low disease resistance and hence survival rate of such calves is also low. To provide the best condition for the calf, the animal is under the intensive care of veterinarians and mahouts of BBMP," said BBP's executive director. A blood sample has also been sent to the Institute of Animal Health and Veterinary Biological, Hebbal to check for any viral infections.

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Trains to airport get green signal. Quickly get on board

As airport trains restart, citizens' groups come up with ideas to raise ridership

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The South Western Railway restarted the trains to Bangalore International Airport on July 29. It had been stopped due to lower ridership after the pandemic.

Citizens' groups have come up with some suggestions that could help to increase the ridership and are beneficial to people.

So far there are seven trains which go to Devanahalli, five Mainline Electric Multiple Unit (MEMU) and two Diesel-electric multiple unit (DEMU) trains. The trains going to the airport include three trains starting from KSR railway station- 06531 (SBC-DHL-SBC), train- 06387 (KSR Bengaluru-Kolar), and train- 16549 (KSR Bengaluru -Kolar). While two from Yelahanka, include train number 06534 (DHL-YNK-KIAD) and train number 06540 (DHL-YNK-DHL). From Cantonment railway station, two trains go to the airport-train numbers 06536 and 06538 (DHL-BNC-DHL).

There are other trains which start from the airport railway station to other stations. For example, train number 06533 (DHL-YNK-KIAD) and another train 16550 (Kolar-KSR Bengaluru), 06535 and 06537 both going through DHL-BNC-DHL at different timings and train number 06388 from Kolar- Bengaluru Cantonment, next 06539 train (DHL-YNK-DHL), lastly 06533 (SBC-DHL-SBC)

The trains can help people reach the airport in a short time and at a lower cost. Using the train will help in cost-cutting and also is environmentally friendly.

With appropriate routes, timings, travel duration and durability, the train could be a huge success. The Citizens for Citizens(C4C) group came out with a list of suggestions that could help the many passengers use the train to a great extent.

Raj Kumar Dugar, Founder of C4C, and rail activist suggested that train number 06534 starting from Yelahanka should be extended to start from KSR via YPR or at least should start from YPR to be more useful, retaining its arrival timings at KIA halt station.

The trains can help people reach the airport in lesser time and at a lower cost. Using the train is also environment friendly

While train number 06540 should also start from KSR/YPR was suggested. Trains like 06534 and 06540 should return to KSR/YPR to be more useful.

Dugar said, "If these trains reach Yeshwantpur railway station, then there would be more passengers. As Yeshwantpur is a hub to many industrial areas and even markets, many people would be able to use it and hence the ridership can as well increase. For the express trains, 16549 and 16550 are said to be stopped at KIA station, but the information is not available in the public domain and hence many people are not aware of this."

Stations en route

- BNC: Blr Cantonment Railway Station
- BNCE: Blr East Railway Station
- BYPL: Byappanahalli Railway Station
- SBC: KSR City Railway Station
- YNK: Yelahanka Railway Station
- YPR: Yeshwantpur Railway Station
- DHL: Devanahalli Railway Station
- CPB: Chikkaballapura Railway Station
- KIAD: Kempegowda International Airport Station

Further Dugar added, "A few MEMUs should be run from surrounding towns directly to DHL to provide commute options to and from the airport to people for those towns while providing local commute options for others. We specifically want one train to begin to Devanahalli from Tumkuru, Mysuru, Hosur, Bangarpet etc, so that all track routes in and around Bengaluru can access the airport commute while their services will double up as local commute options there too."

The group also pointed out that it is important and urgent for YNK to double the DHL single track. However, until that happens, the group requested the Doddajala Station to be upgraded from halt to crossing to facilitate a higher frequency of services.

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Mobility: Everything isn't connected

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Metro, I look for the nearest metro station; but it ends up being very expensive. It is relatively cheaper than taking a cab directly. I had no idea that there were buses connecting these places to metro stations. Neither have I ever seen a bus stopping near a metro station," Tanya Rathi, a student, said.

AV Surya Sen, director (IT) at BMTC, said there are about 48 metro feeder (MF) bus routes. "We introduced 90 electric buses last year which are all feeder buses. Many of the normal buses also connect to at least 2-3 metro stations," he said.

However, even after the availability of public transport which is affordable as well as environment-friendly than private vehicles and cabs, people are preferring the latter. One other reason is the infrequency of the feeder buses.

"There is a metro feeder bus connecting Jayanagar Station to my place; it costs Rs 10-15 as compared to Rs 100 in cabs. But the service isn't very frequent. I have used it a few times but usually, I cannot wait for half an hour or one hour for the bus. Sometimes, it takes even more time than that. So I end up opting for an auto-rickshaw or a cab from the metro station even though it is expensive," said Arvind AK, a regular metro commuter.

To improve first and last-minute connectivity in Bengaluru, several solutions have been tried such as bike rental, bicycle rental, shared cabs and carpooling. However, not all the metro stations in the city have proper parking facilities for the same.

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Living forever while appearing and experiencing young and illness-free life is not at all synonymous. Humans are splurging more months at the expense of age-related chronic illnesses, even though their lifespans are increasing. In short, instead of acquiring additional months of energy and excellent health, we have been gaining additional months of sickness.

Only recently researchers have been able to characterise "ageing" and "longevity" independently, thanks to the substantial breakthroughs in decoding technology and computational techniques. But the question is why should you know the difference? As the English proverb goes "Keep your friends close and enemies closer"

"Ageing" Senescence, or just a reduction in our biological activities and also our capacity to adjust under metabolic strain, is due to ageing! It is tough to describe ageing in a single sentence. Ageing entails the loss of abilities, yet it could possess certain advantages.

Ageing is a biological phenomenon, comprising cognitive, interpersonal, and other factors. Our systems gradually lose their capacity to operate from a purely biological standpoint.

The term "Ageing" is a dynamic one. When talked about socially, it often indicates the experience and wisdom of a person, and when talked about casually, it refers to just a number. However, when talked about biologically, it is not always very pleasant.

"Longevity" on the other hand, when scientists talk about the term "longevity," they are frequently referring to all of the following notions at once: extending one's optimum life expectancy, improving one's average health, and eventually slowing down the rate of ageing.

Longevity is governed by evolutionarily chosen genes for reproduction benefit, according to scientists who used complicated mathematics to prove it. Grandparenthood, for example, could be viewed as an unintended consequence of set genetic programming that maximizes growth, maturity, and reproduction, and assures offspring's reproductive fitness.

But usually, when we talk about lifetime, we tend to overlook the fact that the majority of our final decades are spent in hospital beds, battling the dangers of age-related diseases.

Longevity is the true solution to such problems. It refers to extending a person's lifespan so that their biology remains functional and youthful for a longer period of time. Meaning even though death is irreversible we still get to enjoy more pit stops before we reach the end of the road!!

To conclude just because the above two notions are not the same does not imply they are not at all related.

The pace of ageing may alter the duration of life, and differentiating human biological ageing from longevity could be challenging.

Lifespan, as well as longevity, are unrelated to neither improving health nor ageing (according to a particular school of thought!!). That is to say, distinct forces are at work.

Biological ageing is a process of accumulation of structural and functional damage that leads to an overall decline in the organism's optimal biology.

Although ageing, was "inevitable" at one point in time we could postpone such grand inevitabilities.

You could say ageing is an unavoidable and permanent phenomenon, but this does not necessarily mean a bad thing.

Humanity has reached a tipping point in terms of lifespan, and the accompanying shifts that are set to impact our economies, relations, vocations, and more in the next few years. However, we know this much that trying to cope with the ever-fast tempo of such developments, as well as trying to determine what or how we could incorporate such developments into our personal lives, will prove to be extremely difficult but not unachievable. While today's approaches in medicine focus more on predictive and preventive measures, it is imperative that we pay attention to any red flags that have been disposed of. —IANS

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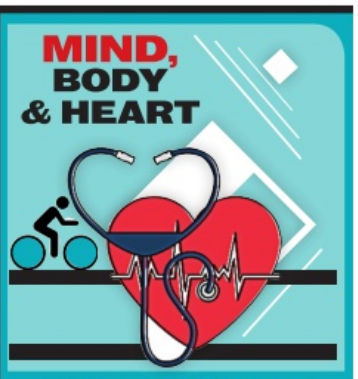


All problems solved

Dear Coleen

My husband and I are in our early 30s and have one daughter together, who's nearly 18 months.
My problem is, we've got into a weird pattern when it comes to sex. When our daughter was still breastfeeding and waking a lot during the night, my husband got used to sleeping in the spare room because he had to get up early for work.
So, he'd come into our bed for sex and then go off to the spare bedroom afterwards. But the thing is, this is still happening now! Most nights we'll get into our bed together, have sex and then he'll disappear afterwards, which makes me feel pretty unloved and, if I'm honest, just used for sex. He puts no effort into romance. I'm starting to resent him for this and feel hurt by his lack of attention. Can you tell me what I should do to improve things?

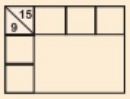
COLEEN SAYS

If you've never discussed it and he doesn't know how you feel, then he'll assume you're as happy with the situation as he is. He's not a mind reader. Maybe he's become selfish about getting a good night's sleep or maybe it's actually a bit of a turn-on for him – rendezvousing for sex. (To be honest, I'd be quite happy with this scenario!) He may be worried the excitement will go or you'll stop having sex altogether if you are snuggled up in bed together every night, or maybe it's simply become a habit.
There could be a compromise though – he visits your bedroom for sex, but agrees to spending half an hour afterwards cuddling, talking, even watching telly together and developing more intimacy. But you have to talk to him because you're building up resentment – I had to learn this lesson from therapy.
So don't expect your husband to know how you are feeling – tell him.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

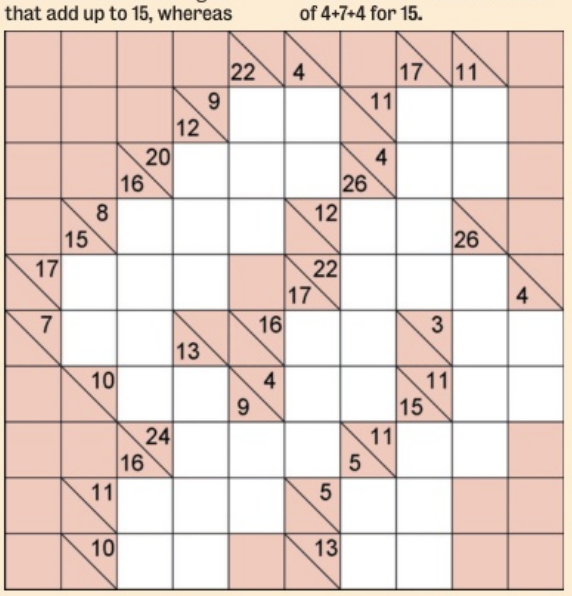
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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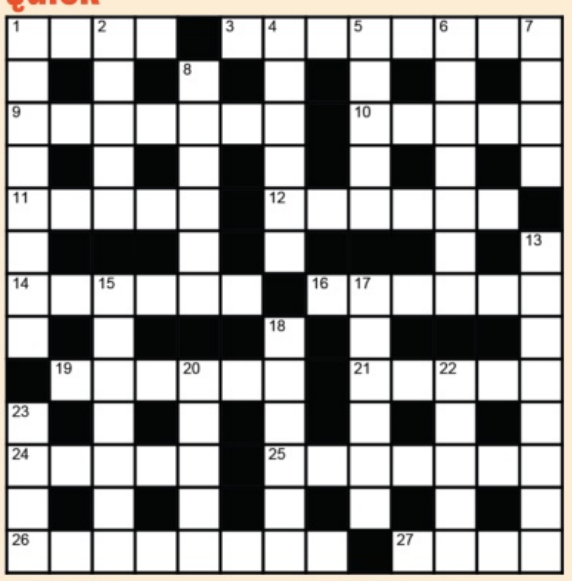


ACROSS

1 Extinct bird (4)
3 A cranial nerve (8)
9 Big Bang Theory's ____ Cooper (7)
10 Attach (5)
11 Monarch (5)
12 Bee farm (6)
14 Two-footed animals (6)
16 Dweller on the Red Sea (6)
19 Marine mammal (6)
21 Widespread hatred or disgust (5)
24 Nuisances (5)
25 Lower the pH (7)
26 Troilus and ___ play by Shakespeare? (8)
27 Very old (4)

DOWN

1 Depict (8)
2 Reside (5)
4 Japanese plant growing art (6)
5 Festival that marks the beginning of the Kannada new year (5)
6 Compel obedience to (7)
7 Alluring! (4)
8 Worshipped, loved (6)
13 Dejected (8)
15 Almond paste (7)
17 From another country (6)
18 Detached landmass (6)
20 Relaxes (5)
22 Decoration on a cake (5)
23 Large scale (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: H EQUALS N

V ETYIVM XAHFYVXF KGH'F BAYFJ FJT NVNTY KF'G BYKFFTH AH.

Linemaro

Your voice is like a song I can never hear enough of

Mindchow

Once a woman has forgiven her man, she must not reheat his sins for breakfast

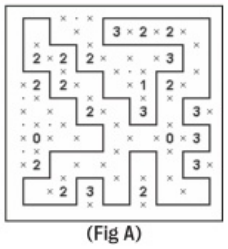
Joke of the day

Fibula: A small lie

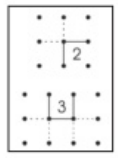
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

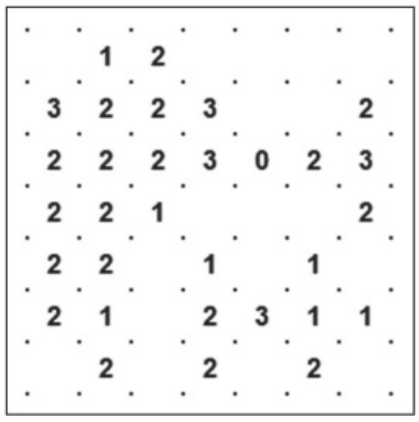


(Fig B) Not Allowed

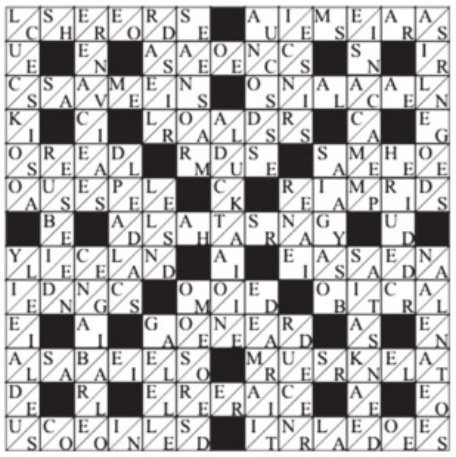
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1 K	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

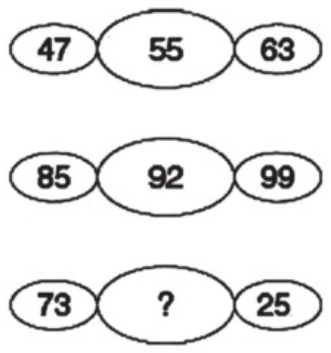
1 Hakas; 6 As Aug; 7 Bohr's; 8 Are to; 9 Blade

DOWN

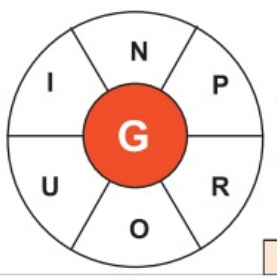
1 OK Bab; 2 A Argo; 3 Urals; 4 The as; 5 Hades

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

10 Average; 12 Good; 14 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

9				6				3
		3				7		
2	7	8				6	9	4
		4	3		7	9		
	3						1	
		7	8		2	4		
4	1	5				3	6	8
		6				1		
3				4				9

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 14

1 2 4 7

Medium = 28

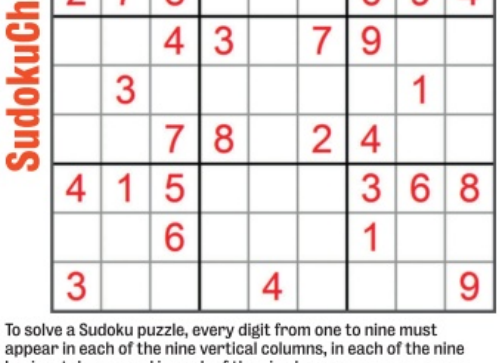
1 3 5 6

Hard = 4

2 8 9 5

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Pocket is added. **2.** Shirt collar is different. **3.** Apron bow is larger. **4.** Label is different. **5.** Tree trunk is different. **6.** Fingers are showing on other side of hat.

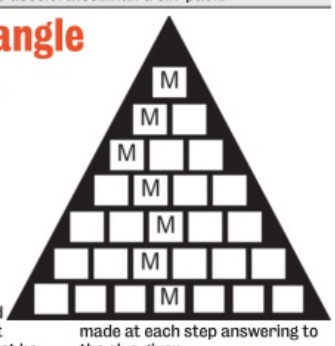
Riddler

A spoonerism is a pair of words that can have the initial sounds switched to form new words. For example, "churning bear" is a spoonerism for "burning chair" (note that the pairs do not have to be spelled the same–only sound the same). From the definitions below, can you figure out the spoonerism pairs?

1. Grizzly relative...two pin-lovers.
2. Sad iguana...Merlin slam-dunking.
3. Wasp accelerates...Half a six-pack.

Alpha triangle

1 Bond's boss
2 Personal pronoun
3 Bumped into
4 Give off
5 Clocks
6 Heavy silk fabric
7 Spray very finely



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

CAN YOU GIVE REDEYE SOMETHING TO MAKE HIM STOP TOSSING AND TURNING IN HIS SLEEP?
5-21
YES, BUT IT WOULD BE MUCH SIMPLER JUST TO MOVE THE TEPEE
Yates/Casson
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DANA LEFT HER BACKPACK IN THE THEATER. WE CAME WITH HER TO FIND IT!
I PRESUME YOU FOUND IT?
WE FOUND SOMETHING.
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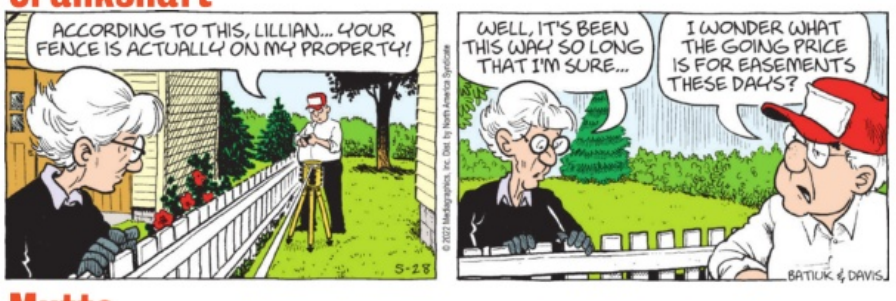
Crankshaft


ACCORDING TO THIS, LILLIAN... YOUR FENCE IS ACTUALLY ON MY PROPERTY!
5-28
WELL, IT'S BEEN THIS WAY SO LONG THAT I'M SURE...
I WONDER WHAT THE GOING PRICE IS FOR EASEMENTS THESE DAYS?
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may be busy with social or family events. You may be polite with the people around you, which may increase your image among your relatives and friends. You will spend money on buying some artefacts which will improve your social status. You may hear some good news from one of your close relatives.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today disputes with the siblings may be settled down. It may boost your relationship with them. Your vital force seems to be good and may help you complete difficult projects easily. You may expand your network after a short work-related trip. You may also help needy people.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may feel dull and could have some health issues. Old diseases might reappear. You are advised to avoid adventure tours or rash driving. You may have some conflicts with your partner, so avoid important decisions in terms of business. Investments in business or work can be postponed. By late evening, things may be under control.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today your internal power can make you happy. You may get short gains in terms of investments. You can make a good impression on your boss. You may have promotions coming up. Your prestige in society could be increased. You may also expect some work-related travels.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today is a favourable day. You are enthusiastic and your focus is good in terms of business and work. You dedicatedly perform given tasks. You may expect some promotions in your job. Your boss may be in your favour in terms of work-related decisions. There may be a visit to a spiritual place. Avoid ego and arrogance in your love life.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may feel dull due to lack of proper rest. Arrogance may create some disputes with your spouse, affecting your domestic life. Investors are advised to avoid making new investments in risky assets. Students are advised to focus on their studies. Lovebirds should respect space in relationships.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you are advised to keep patience. If you are planning for adventure tours, you are advised to postpone it for a while. Your past investments may convert to NPA. You may get tired due to overworking. Students are advised to work hard. You may have back aches, or nervous system, liver, and skin issues.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today is a good day for you. Investors may get good gains from their investments and it may boost financial health. Money which was stuck may be recovered, increasing liquidity in business. You may become confident and control hidden enemies and opponents. Singles will likely find their match in the same field or workplace.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may perform your best at work. You may have good bonding with seniors. You could get some new responsibilities in terms of promotions. Chronic health issues may be cured. You may get reciprocation for your work also. Disputes with siblings may be resolved now. Jobseekers may find new work.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may be busy with your children's academics. You may plan for their higher studies also. Couples may hear good news in terms of kids. You can make some plans for higher studies to get promotions in your current job. Singles may find their soulmate.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may escape from reality and not be able to take your responsibilities. Your investments may bring you some loss. You are advised to read documents carefully before putting your signature. Elder's health could make you upset. It is advised to postpone renovation plans for a while.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may help needy people. You may also put your hundred per cent effort into your work. You may hear some good news from your sibling. Too much work can make you tired. You are advised to avoid stress today, otherwise it can affect your both professional and personal life. You are advised to meditate.

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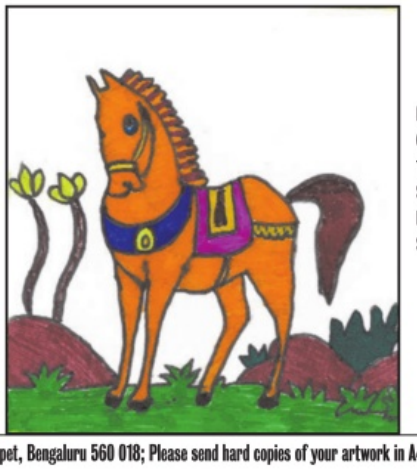
Kaustubh Bharadhwaj, 6 Years, Florence Public School



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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
= √4 + (√9)! × √25
= 2 + 3! × 5
= 2 + (3×2×1) × 5
= 2 + 6 × 5
= 2 + 30 = 32

BULL'S EYE
giro, grin, grip, giroin, group, ping, poring, POURING, prig, prong, ring, roping, ruing, rung

FAST FIVE

K	A	S	H	A
A	G	U	A	S
A	B	O	R	S
O	R	A	T	E
B	A	L	E	D

QUOTE UNCODE
A verbal contract isn't worth the paper it's written on.

STRIKE OUT

S	C	E	N	E	S	■	T	R	A	D	E	S	■	■
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MENSA PUZZLE
49: (73 + 25) ÷ 2;

RIDDLER
1. Polar bear...bowler pair.
2. Weeping lizard... leaping wizard.
3. Bee throttles... three bottles.

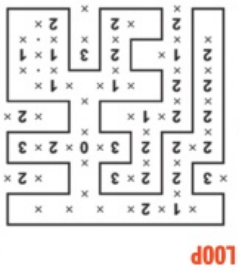
SUDOKU

3	8	2	6	4	1	5	7	9
7	9	6	5	8	3	1	4	2
4	1	5	2	7	9	3	6	8
1	6	7	8	9	2	4	3	5
8	3	9	4	5	6	2	1	7
5	2	4	3	1	7	9	8	6
2	7	8	1	3	5	6	9	4
6	4	3	9	2	8	7	5	1
9	5	1	7	6	4	8	2	3

ALPHA TRIANGLE
M, Me, Met, Emit, Times, Samite, Atomise.

GO FIGURE
Easy
7 + 4 + 1 + 2 = 14
Medium
6 × 5 − 3 + 1 = 28
Hard
5 + 9 − 2 − 8 = 4

LOOP



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Alia's iconic Gal

Actor all praise for Gal Gadot with whom she worked in her first Hollywood film

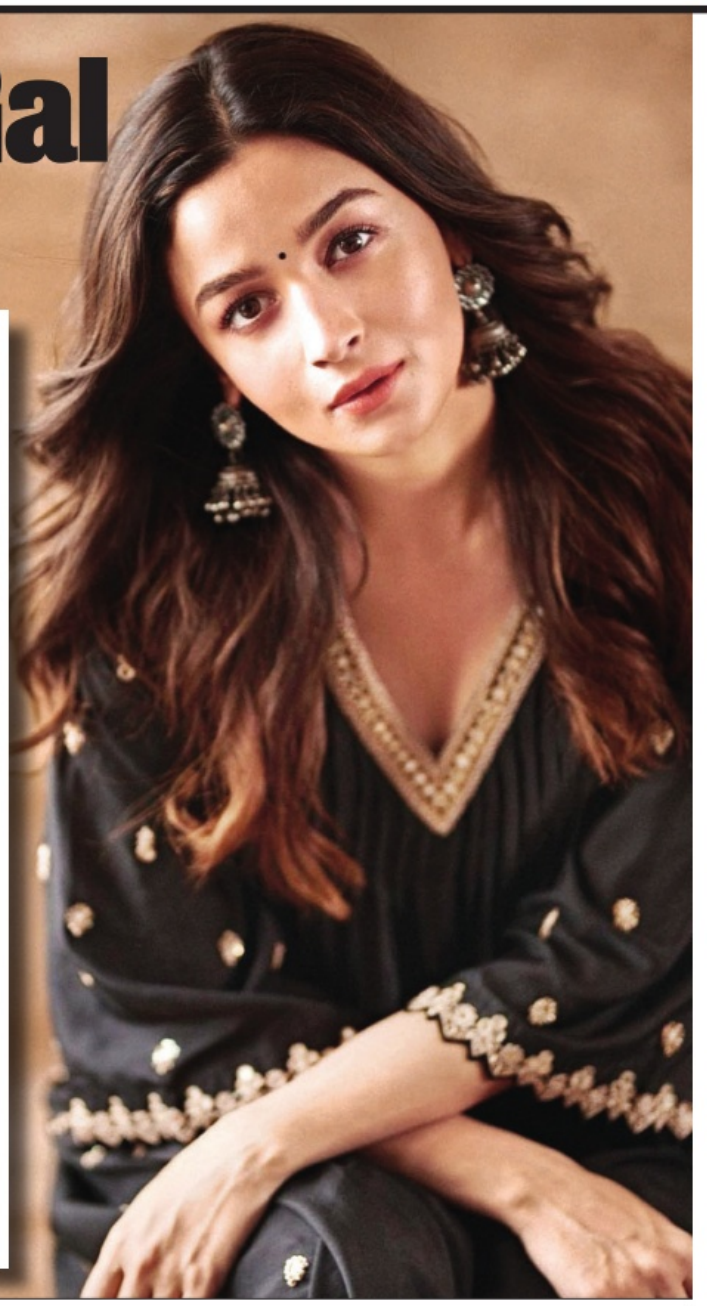
Alia Bhatt is all set to make her big Hollywood debut with her upcoming film, 'Heart Of Stone'. The actress recently opened up about her experience shooting for the action flick.

At a recent promotional event for her upcoming Bollywood film, 'Darlings', Alia revealed that she had an amazing experience shooting for 'Heart of Stone'. The actress shared how she didn't take her team along and went all alone. It was a completely new team and action crew.

Further, she stated that the team there took care of her. Whenever she needed *daal chawal*, they got it for her. They made her feel at home. Alia revealed that she got to learn a lot. But at the same time, she also felt there was not much change. What we do here in Bollywood is the same there. It is just a different language.

Alia also spilled the beans on her experience working with her co-star Gal Gadot. Calling Gal an icon and an inspiration, Alia said that she is also producing that film so they had a lot in common and a lot to talk about. According to her, Gal was lovely, warm and possibly the most beautiful energy she has come across.

Meanwhile, 'Darlings' also stars Vijay Varma and Shefali Shah in lead roles. The film is set to release on August 5 on an OTT platform. Alia also has films like, 'Brahmastra', 'Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani' and 'Takht' in her kitty.



2nd time lucky?

Adarsh Gunduraj is a chartered accountant and also an actor. Ahead of his second Kannada film 2nd Life, Adarsh is brimming with confidence. His first film in Sandalwood was Swartharatna that released in December 2018, but didn't make much of a flutter in the box office.

"I do not want to reveal more about my character in this movie but the story is about the importance of stem cells. We have added elements to the story to keep the audience entertained," Adarsh told BM. He recalled how he was set to meet Power Star Puneeth Rajkumar to narrate the story of this movie (2nd Life) but destiny had other ideas. "My friend had arranged a meeting with Puneeth Rajkumar who was always on the forefront to encourage newcomers. I wanted this movie to be made under the banner PRK Productions but Puneeth sir passed away," he said.

On managing his profession (chartered accountant) and acting in movies, he said that he has a team of chartered accountants to complete the projects. "I was very busy till July 31, the last day for filing IT returns. Now, I have sufficient time to focus on post-production activities of 2nd Life," he said. **—Y Maheshwara Reddy**

Anushka is all game to perfect her cricket skills

Bollywood actress Anushka Sharma is leaving no stone unturned for her comeback film 'Chakda 'Xpress', which is a biopic on fast bowling cricketer Jhulan Goswami. The actress will be training extensively for the game in Leeds in the UK, to prepare herself before she shoots the intensive cricket portions.

'Chakda 'Xpress' marks Anushka's return to the movies as an actress after her 2018 release 'Zero' in which she starred alongside superstars Shah Rukh Khan and Katrina Kaif.

"Anushka will prepare her body, she will perfect her cricket skills extensively in Leeds from mid-August before she starts shooting the cricket portions of the film. She has always been a deeply committed artiste and she wants to do justice to the role at hand. She will prep thoroughly and put herself through rigorous training exercises before she shoots the key scenes right from end of August through September," informs a trade source.

The film traces the journey of one of the fastest female pacers in world cricket, Jhulan. **IANS**

Hubby's clothes

Priyanka Chopra, who has often been spotted and snapped wearing her husband Nick Jonas's T-shirts and jackets, recently admitted that she steals his clothes and sunglasses.

Talking about this to an international daily, Priyanka revealed she wears Nick's clothes all the time. The actress also said that she doesn't fit into his shoes otherwise she would have stolen that too from him. PeeCee admitted that she steals his sunglasses too.

Priyanka also went on to claim that she has worn more clothes of Nick than her fans have spotted her in. According to her, you can't tell sometimes which ones she has taken. The actress feels that Nick just has really great clothes.

Earlier, Priyanka had shared a collage of Nick and herself wearing the same outfit on different occasions. Along with the picture, she wrote, 'Where it started... Where it ended up...' In the photo, Nick was seen travelling in a white tracksuit, which was later worn by the actress as she stepped out.

Selena's Working Girl reboot

Singer-actress Selena Gomez is set to produce the reboot of the 1980s classic 'Working Girl'. Gomez is in the final stages of the negotiations with Ilana Pena adapting the script, reports Deadline.

The film would likely premiere on streaming platform Hulu. Exact plot details for this pic are unknown but the 1988 pic starred Melanie Griffith, Harrison Ford, Sigourney Weaver and Joan Cusack and revolves around an ambitious secretary (Griffith) who takes on her boss' identity while the latter is laid up with a broken leg. According to Deadline, the film was not only one of that year's breakout hits bringing in more than $100 million at the domestic box office, but it also was critically hailed and earned six Oscar nominations'. **IANS**

Vijaya turns farmers' leader

Vijaya Raghavendra will be playing a farmer leader in upcoming Kannada movie Kaasina Sara. At the mahurat function of the movie, directed by Nanjunde Gowda, Minister for Cooperation ST Somasekhar sounded the clap board. "This movie's producer Dodda Nagaiah is my friend. He is an agriculturist and has entered Sandalwood as a producer. I wish my friend good luck," said Minister Somasekhar.

Vijaya Raghavendra, who plays the lead role, said he agreed to act in this movie because its script has all ingredients including a message and also farmers' issues. "I am playing a farmers' leader character in this movie," said Vijaya. Harshika Poonacha, who plays the female lead, is a agriculture student. "While most girls want to become IT professionals, my character wants to focus on agriculture. This is the first time I am playing a character that offers a lot of scope for acting," said Harshika.

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